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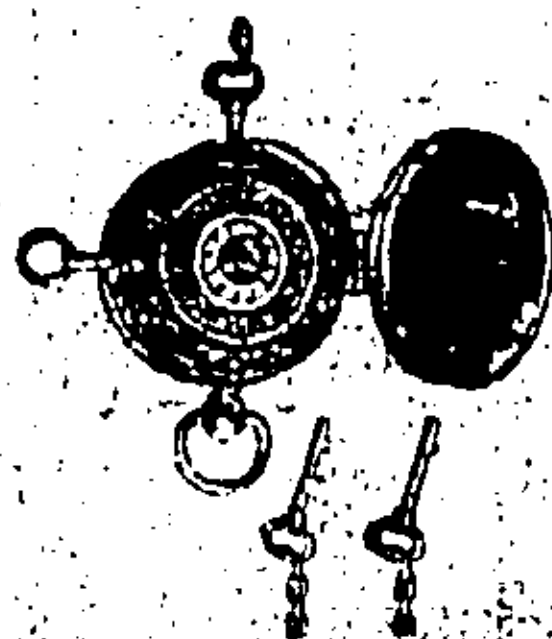
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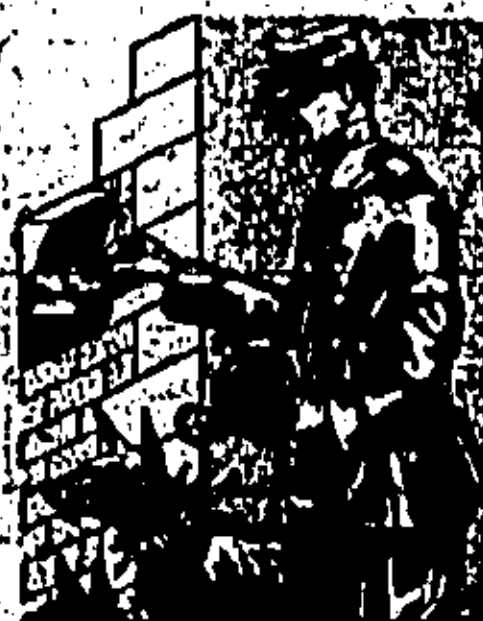


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RUBER SITUATION.

NEW FRANCO-ITALIAN PLAN.

A TWO YEARS' MORATORIUM.

PARIS, January 21.
According to the *Echo de Paris* M. Poincaré and M. Barthou will to-day discuss a plan combining the French and Italian proposals whereby Germany if she fulfils her reparations obligations will be granted a two years' moratorium wherein she must raise an internal loan of three milliard gold marks whereof five hundred million will be used to stabilise the mark and two and a half milliards will go to the reparations account. France in return will forgo the product pledges she seized but she will hold the pledges as long as she is not assured of receiving the payments to which she is entitled.

LATER.

M. Poincaré and M. Barthou have definitely drawn up a moratorium plan which is being submitted to the Reparations Commission forthwith.

BUSINESS BOYCOTT AGAINST FRANCO-ITALIANS.

BERLIN, January 21.

Doctor Hermann Minister of Finance, has issued an order forbidding the payment of the customs, coal tax and export dues to any account other than the German. The Association of German iron steel industrialists has decided that it will have no business relations with France and Belgium as long as the Ruhr occupation lasts.

A telegram from Munich states that 130 Italian and Czech workmen believed to be destined for the Ruhr to act as strikebreakers were not allowed to proceed.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 9/8 5/16.
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RUBER SITUATION.

PARTIAL STRIKE IN PROGRESS.

ESSEN, January 21.

The postal directors arrested yesterday were released to-day. The railwaymen and postal official met to consider the strike. A decision has not yet been announced but a partial strike has been effected at Dortmund and Bochum. It is expected that Essen will follow suit. The French declared their ability to carry on international traffic by means of military trains. The Germans at Essen yesterday brought to a standstill a train driven by Frenchmen proceeding to Bochum.

L. O. N. MAY DISCUSS REPARATIONS.

LONDON, January 21.

It is expected that the non-allied member of the Council of the League of Nations will bring up the subject of reparations at the next meeting in Paris on January 28.

OFFICIAL GERMAN PROTEST.

BERLIN, January 21.

The German *Chargé d'Affaires* in Paris has been instructed to protest against the arrest of the German mine managers and to demand their immediate release, also to claim full satisfaction.

S. I. D. T. BE RESIGNING.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN SECRETARY.

NEW YORK, January 21.

The *World* gives prominence to a rumour that Mr. Hughes, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is contemplating resigning. So far no confirmation has been forthcoming.

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE FRAWLEY CO'S WELCOME APPEARANCE.

A taste of the Grand Guignol was afforded Theatre patrons on Saturday when the Frawley Company opened their season and presented John Willard's three act mystery play "The Cat and the Canary," before a splendid house. There was a distinct touch of the eerie, and at times the thrills that made the heart jump and the flesh go cold. Right up to the end, the plot was mystifying and perplexing, a tribute to Mr. Willard's inventiveness and knowledge of stagecraft. The incidents which go to make up this extravaganza take place within a few hours, commencing at 11.30 in the evening and terminating early the next morning. The title of the play is somewhat symbolic and touches upon the question of fear whilst the story itself is concerned with duplicity and cunningness born of desire for gain. Old man West has decreed that on the twentieth anniversary of his death his will shall be read to his surviving relatives in the house which has remained in the charge of a West Indies servant. There are three envelopes, the first containing a condition to which all concerned who hear it can agree; the second with the name of the role beneficiary (who must sleep in the same room in which the old man died) with a codicil that in the event of him or her becoming deranged in mind, the estate is to pass to another named in the third envelope. Incidentally the envelopes have been tampered with and the contents are the knowledge of an unknown party. Annabelle West is congratulated as the fortunate person entitled to the estate, and from thence onward to the final unravelment of the meaning of the extraordinary things that happen, which include a murder, a robbery, and an attempted murder, the audience is treated to a succession of thrills to which the most blasé must succumb. The unexpected ending after some welcome comedy relief and additional excitement, came with a startling suddenness that simply made the audience gasp. It seemed a relief to tattered nerves, to have preconceived suspicious dispelled and to "get acquainted" with the guilty persons.

To invest all this with a semblance of reality—to make real the secret opening of doors and panels to absorb a dead body and later on to shoot it out again; and to make a necklace from the throat of a sleeping lady, required acting of an extraordinary type. That they "filled the bill" to

the uttermost must be the verdict on the efforts of the Frawley Co., whom it is good to see back again.

Some splendid bits of characterisation were given. Miss Florence Roberts as a West Indies servant was, in particular, very fine. As a believer in spirit, good and bad, she gave just that touch of realism which was convincing enough to make one believe that there were spirits and that they were about to do things. Miss Betty Barnicot, also, proved herself of sterling histrionic merit and added much to the enjoyment of the humorous situations with which the piece abounds. Mr. Bernard Nedell as Paul Jones and with a Harold Lloyd exterior, made a distinct hit. He was extremely funny with his "on the other hand" alternative opinions, and in the third act he shared a great deal of the honours of a particularly exciting series of incidents. Of Miss Adele Blood much was expected. She filled a most difficult role with ease and is clearly an actress of outstanding charm and ability. What in other hands might have been made to appear ridiculous, she made convincing, and her appeals to others in the belief in her questioned sanity were true to the highest concepts of dramatic art. As Hendricks's supposed asylum attendant, entering the house and giving details of an escaped maniac with catlike proclivities, thus setting the already nerve-racked visitors in a tremor, and later on turning out to be a partner in the lastingly happening that took place, Alben MacCluskey, during the short time he was on the stage, played in fine and vigorous spirit. The same may be said of the other members of the cast. Miss Hy Barnes and Messrs Herbert Light, Gordon Davis, and Lester Sybil. Mr. Frawley was on the stage for not a minute or two, entering at a most exciting moment, but evidently not exciting enough to prevent a warm welcome being extended to him. In spite of the weirdness of it all there were many moments of sheer joy and the company is to be congratulated on a happy collaboration. There were frequent bursts of applause and at the close a sincere message of appreciation. The floral tribute which Miss Blood received was exceptionally beautiful and well deserved.

"The Gold Digger" is to be given this evening and another splendid performance may be prophesied.

A YAU MATI ROBBERY.

CRIMINAL TRIAL FOLLOWS.

The January Criminal Sessions were resumed in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C.) this morning. Only one case of robbery was heard, the other two remaining cases on the calendar having been fixed for hearing to-day week at 10.30 a.m.

The prisoners were Lai Hoi-chau and Li Fook. They were charged with robbery at Yau mati on New Year's Day and pleaded "not guilty." The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs W. A. Eustace (foreman), R. Bass, J. S. Smyth, R. A. Drude, D. D. Drydale, J. F. d'A. Barro and J. O. dos Remedios.

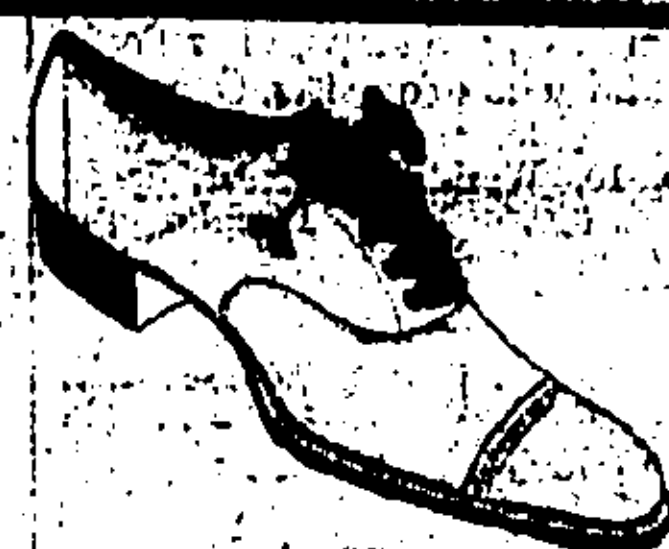
Mr. A. Dyer Ball (Assistant Crown Solicitor) said that the robbery occurred at 7 p.m. on January 1, on the second floor of No. 7, Portland Street, Yau mati. Four men, two of whom he hoped to prove were the prisoners, were concerned in the robbery. They bound and gagged a man and four women living on the flat and stole a pair of gold mounted rattan bangles, a pair of earrings, two hair ornaments, a woollen jacket, two suits of clothing and \$14 in money. The robbers were not armed as far as the victims could say. As the robbers were about to leave, a woman arrived. She would say that she was dragged into the flat and then three men pushed past her and ran down the stairs. The commotion caused by the robbers attracted the attention of a man named Chan So and his wife who were on the first floor of No. 9, which is served by a common staircase. Chan So opened his door and when the robbers passed asked what was the matter. They replied "nothing, only a fight." Chan So did not believe them, and decided to follow. At the end of the street, two of the fugitives turned down Temple Street and the other two ran into Arthur Street. Chan So followed the two who had turned into Temple Street and who he would say were the prisoners. Two Chinese constables were joined in the chase from Portland Street where Chan So's wife had given the alarm, and eventually both men were arrested.

(Proceeding.)

GOLF.

The ladies' competition for the Colin Cup was decided on Saturday at Fanling when Mrs. Hannibal, playing against Mrs. Parker, won the final by 3 up and 2 to pay.

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COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 22.—Coronet Theatre; Charlie Chaplin in "The Idle Class" and "Flower of the North." World Theatre; Constance Binney in "Room and Board." Kowloon Theatre; "The House of the Telling Bell."

January 22.—Harmatic's Circus at Kowloon.

January 22.—Theatre Royal; Frayley Co., "The Gold Diggers."

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SPORTING EVENT.

January 27.—Theatre Royal; Box for Tournament.

February 19.—St. Andrew's Church Men's Association annual Marathon Race at 4 p.m.

February 28.—First day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 1.—Second day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 2.—Third day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 3.—Fourth day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 26.—Hongkong Central Estate Ltd., ninth ordinary general meeting, 11.45 a.m. Hongkong Land Reclamation Co. Ltd., twenty-second ordinary general meeting, noon.

January 26.—The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, 12.15 p.m.

February 3.—The Bank of East Asia meeting at Co's office, 10 Des Voeux Road, 5.30 p.m.

February 13.—Hongkong and Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., meeting at Co's office, 5a, Des Voeux Road, noon.

FLOWER SHOW.

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WHAT IT IS LIKE.

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In 1913 Mr. Ardolf Wienholt who sits in the Australian Commonwealth Parliament, went on a lion-hunting trip in Portuguese West Africa. His adventures are related in "The Story of a Lion Hunt," which has just been published (Melrose, 7s. 6d.).

The cool and careful description which Mr. Wienholt gives of the bites inflicted on him by a wounded lion seems something unique in the annals of man's warfare with the great flesh-eaters. Mr. Wienholt hunted alone with a few natives, and he had no dogs—a very serious omission in following up a wounded lion.

The lion was tracked into a piece of rough bushy ground, "and I could hear him breathing as though in distress like a horse gone in the wind." He charged. Mr. Wienholt, badly placed for a steady shot, fired, failed to kill and was knocked down.

After knocking me down, the lion rushed in on my right side, and instinctively I tried to ward him off by throwing my rifle, which I still had hold of, up against him. He bit savagely on this several times, biting right through and cracking the thin part of the stock.

Then he seized me and bit me several times through the wrist, breaking it badly and splintering some of the small bones. Those bites hurt like fury at the moment; it was like a nine-inch nail being continually driven through one's hand. The lion bit very quickly, but with a horribly silent ferocity. He would have done better if he had taken more time over it.

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Suddenly, after biting the unfortunate hunter again on the chest, the lion whipped round and cleared out of sight back in the bushes.

Fortunately Mr. Wienholt had at his camp a cake of carbolic soap with which to wash his wounds, for the

RACE ON THE SANDS.

DIVORCE COURT SEQUEL.

How a wife, by winning a race on the sands and reaching a bathing tent in advance of her husband, made a discovery which wrecked her marital happiness, was the story told in the Divorce Court by Mrs. Dorothy Ethelinda Field, of Baron's Court.

She was granted a decree of restitution against her husband, George Ernest Field. Telling her story in support of the petition, Mrs. Field said that they were married in May, 1918. After the return of her husband from Mesopotamia she found a letter from a girl in his pocket. They quarrelled parted, and were reconciled.

Last year they were bathing at Shanklin together.

Mr. Field said that he wanted something from his pocket. Mrs. Field went to fetch it.

She had no sooner started for the shore than Mr. Field remembered that there was something else in his pocket that Mrs. Field ought not to see. So he went after her. Mrs. Field thought he was trying to race her. She put on speed and won.

In the pockets she discovered a letter from a girl to her husband.

"In October, 1921, she said, 'I went back to Huddersfield, and in December my husband sold the house and said that he did not want me any longer. I had to go into lodgings.' Mrs. Field added that in April last she wrote to her husband: 'We are too young to live apart like this. I have no desire to bring up our past differences. Those we can bury, but I do desire to resume our married life.' I sincerely ask you to join me, or say whether I can join you, and I will do all in my power to make you happy.

Her husband wrote:—Our marriage has been, like so many hasty war marriages, a failure, and was a grievous mistake. 'We have given it a fair trial, but it is perfectly clear that we were quite unsuited to each other.

We are both young, and it would be a pity for both our lives to be spoiled, as I am certain they would be if we were to resume co-habitation. We are entirely opposite in temperament and everything else.

Mrs. Field stated that her husband had since refused to return to her.

lion's bite—he is a fond feeder—is often deadly. A few weeks of rough nursing—during which the war broke out—restored the mangled hunter to complete health. Mr. Wienholt's constitution must be as hard as his courage.

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The man returned and said they had won at 45 to 1, and he gave him 29 as commission, as he said he wanted 4s. in the £. Eventually both Loftus and the man disappeared and he did not see Loftus again until after his arrest.

Loftus: Were you accustomed to backing horses?—Goodwin: Never backed a horse before.

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DEATH.

YOUKEY.—On January 22nd, 1923, at 3 a.m. J. Youkey, at his residence "Homeville," Kowloon City Road. Funeral will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday the 23rd inst. Age 73 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 22, 1923.

STRAWS IN THE WIND.

Tucked away among Saturday's cables were six lines briefly reporting that the Peking Government is issuing a mandate dismissing Li Hou-chi and appointing Sha (Hien-ping) Tschun of Fukien with General Wang Ying-chuan Assistant Director of Military Affairs. Doubtless, European readers felt little enough interest in the news. Only another one of the many shufflings of lucrative offices happening almost every day, they mentally noted—if they bothered to think about the matter at all. Yet the change, if it takes place, will be very significant. It will be a straw showing the set of the wind, the wind that may clear the overcast sky or may bring still blacker clouds. Li Hou-chi, whom the mandate dismisses, was originally appointed by the Northern Government. When Sun Yat-sen's forces invaded Fukien in October last he was displaced by Hsu Chung-chi, Sun's henchman. Although Li was expelled from the Province the Peking Government still kept alive his post as Tschun and ignored Hsu. Any decision to dismiss Li, now that Sun Yat-sen's star is again in the ascendant, must indicate a desire to conciliate the Canton leader. Additional colour is given to this view by the fact that Sha Chen-ping, the new Tschun appointed under the mandate, is a recognised moderate whose selection will affront no faction. Furthermore, Wang Tung-chuan, whom the report names for Assistant Director of Military Affairs, was formerly Li's direct sub-

ordinate, but joined with Sun Yat-sen's men in expelling the Peking nominee. The Northern Government must therefore have little love for Wang. That it should now give him official preferment would certainly argue that it is ready to swallow its dislike in an effort to conciliate Wang's leader.

Sun Yat-sen. Another straw showing the wind setting in the same direction is the report in Saturday's Chinese cables that the Northern Premier has requested Sun Yat-sen to abandon his projected trip to Canton and visit Peking instead. This request obviously implies hope that an understanding can be reached for common action. Sun is reported to have replied that his Canton visit will be very short and he will return North as soon as possible. With trouble brewing in Canton over the question of apportioning the spoils among the victors—an awkward question which nobody on the spot seems able to tackle—Sun evidently feels that he cannot avoid visiting Canton without risking serious trouble there, however anxious he may be to answer Peking's advances. Whether, when he eventually does return North, Peking's overtures will result in any material benefit for China depends upon factors impossible at present to weigh. Neither side is strong enough to subjugate the other and neither may be willing to make the concessions necessary for effective cooperation. Meanwhile, Sun will find himself kept busy enough solving the Canton problem—how to allay the growing unrest among the victors.

Surprise has been created by the discovery that a man who enlisted some months ago in the British Air Force under the name of Ross is none other than Colonel Lawrence, who has earned fame by his exploits among Arabs. The upstart King of the Arabs, as he is generally styled, carries out modestly his duties as an ordinary private. His reason for joining the Air Force, Lawrence declines to divulge, but it is generally thought to be to write a book on the Force.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was notified yesterday.

Bookings for the Burns anniversary dinner close to day.

A wireless message has been received from the Captain of the s.s. "Kutsang" reporting that at 7 a.m., on Saturday, while the vessel was in position 21.00 N. 114.18 E., she passed a piece of waterlogged wreckage which was dangerous to navigation.

A Chinese woman living at No. 4, Gillies Avenue, Hongkong, was seriously injured on Saturday in her right shoulder by a circular saw at the Sam Mow Timberr yards. She was taken by the motor ambulance to the Kwang Wah Hospital.

The following appointments have been made to the light cruiser "Carle" on the China Station: Paymaster, E. Whittington Ince; Paymaster Midshipman, J. S. Lancaster. The foregoing date from Jan. 7.

The engagement is announced between E. J. Judah, son of the late Mr. J. E. Judah and Mrs. Judah, of Calcutta, and grandson of the late Hon. R. R. Bellis, C.M.G., of Hongkong, and Sylvia S. Frank, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Frank, of 49, Westbourne Terrace, W.

There is lots of fun enough in this delightful drama that is now showing at the World Theatre. "Room and Board" is its title and it shows Constance Binney at her best. "A Zero Hero," Gaylord's comedy, which follows the drama, is the funniest that ever appeared on the screen.

Home going folk may be interested to learn that the authorities fear that the deficiency caused by the drought in 1921 is not yet made up, and that unless a considerable amount of rain falls during the next few months there may be a deficiency of water again in the coming summer.

The British steamer "Willaden," 3,141 tons, which called into Singapore on her way from Rangoon to Hongkong, bumped the wharf whilst proceeding into the Empire Dock. The vessel was slightly damaged on the port side amidships, but was not delayed on her voyage.

Amongst the newly elected Fellows of the Royal Institute of British Architects is Mr. E. F. Bothwell (Associate 1911), Shanghai. Nine hon. corresponding members were also elected, amongst them being Dr. A. Kogori Professor of Architecture at the Tokyo University, Japan.

Bishop Roots, of Hankow, says that when he first went to China he had a good deal of difficulty in remembering faces. "I'm getting over my difficulty now," he said one day to a mandarin, "but in the beginning here in Hankow you all looked as like as two peas." "Two peas!" said the English-speaking mandarin, smiling. "Why not say two quences?"

There is a 50 per cent. drop in beer consumption at home compared with the war as recorded by the Brewers' Society, the total for 1922 being 18,000,000 barrels compared with 23,000,000 in 1921, 26,000,000 in 1920, and 38,000,000 in 1913. The decline in both beer and spirits is attributed by the society to excessive taxation, low wages, and unemployment.

Mr. Chan Wing-kit formerly a scholar of the St. Paul's College, Hongkong, son of the late Mr. Chan King Wah (formerly Chief of the Canton Police) returned to the Colony by the "Empress of Russia," having completed his education in America, where he graduated at the Chicago University with the degree of Ph. B., and studied banking and economics.

Mr. E. C. Wilton, C.M.G., the new Assistant Chief Inspector of the Salt Administration at Peking, left London on December 20 for the Continent. After spending a week on the Riviera, Mr. Wilton embarked at Marseilles on December 29 on the P. & O. steamer "Morea, en route" for China to assume the duties of his post. His appointment is for three years, for which term he has been granted leave from the Foreign Office.

The following are titles officially assumed by those recently elevated to and in the Peerage: Viscount Birkenhead to be Viscount Farnham of Charlton in the county of Northampton and Earl of Birkenhead The Right Hon. F. B. Midway to be Baron Midway of Fletton in the County of Devon. Sir Edward Alfred Goddard, Bart., to be Baron Wargrave of Wargrave Hall in the county of Berkshire.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S GAMES AND RESULTS.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Titania	4	Ambrose	1
Hawkins	6	United	0

Kowloon	1	Club	0
Hawkins	2	Tamar	0

Police	2	R.G.A.	2
Ambrose	3	King's	1
Titania	3	South China	2

St. Joseph's	1	Marazion	0
R.G.A.	0	University	0
King's	0	Warders	0
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OBITUARY.

A "LACONIA" TOURIST.

Mr. Norman Campbell, a well-known banker of Santa Barbara, California, who was one of the round-the-world passengers of the s.s. "Laconia" has died at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay. Mr. Campbell, who was connected with the First National Bank, was in excellent health when he started on the cruise, but contracted a cold while the "Laconia" was in Teikoo. Fever developed and when the vessel arrived in Hongkong he entered the hospital on the advice of Dr. Ambrose. His condition became so bad that it was impossible for him to rejoin the "Laconia" when she sailed for Manila. All hopes of pulling him through were given up on Saturday night, and he passed away yesterday morning.

MR. FRANCISCO GOMES.

The Portuguese community of Hongkong has suffered another great loss by the death on Saturday evening of Mr. Francisco d'Assis Gomes, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the Colony. Deceased who was 85 years of age, passed peacefully away at his residence, No. 10, Macdonnell Road at 6.15 p.m.

Born in Macao in 1837, the late Mr. Gomes was educated in Portugal. On his return to China, he joined the firm of Brandao and Co. at Canton which was later removed to Macao owing to troubles at Canton. He then joined the firm of Messrs. Dent & Co., in Hongkong, until 1881 when, with his brothers, he opened the firm of Brandao & Co., which they closed in 1908.

Mr. Gomes was also a director of several public companies here, including the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., in which capacity he served for no less than 27 years. He leaves a widow, as well as a son and four daughters, to mourn his loss.

The funeral took place at the Catholic cemetery yesterday afternoon and was largely attended.

Their opponents guessing, Valentine showed up with a good run—but over ran the ball when about to shoot. At the other end the R.G.A. forced a corner but Swan punched clear and, Simpson receiving, the player went down and passed to Valentine who tested Phillips with a hot shot that he failed to hold. McEwen tapped the ball into the net. No further scoring took place, the game ending in a draw of two goals all.

Referee, Mr. Collins.

CLUB v. KOWLOON.

Played at Bokkumpoo and a very scrappy game ended in a win for the Kowloon team by the only goal scored. Neither team showed combination and Kowloon's goal was caused by a bad clearance by Angus the Club goalkeeper. He caught the ball but let it slip between his hands into the net. Referee, Mr. Smith.

JUNIOR SHIELD.

HAWKINS v. UNITED.

Hawkins successfully disposed of the United by 6 goals, the United failing to reply. There was a very strong wind blowing and the Hawkins winning the toss took full advantage of it, bringing three goals up, at half time. In the second half by playing good football and keeping the ball low they were enabled to beat the United defence three more times.

TITANIA v. AMBROSE.

On the Navy "A" ground the Titania qualified for the second round by beating the Ambrose by the odd goal in five. There was not all that difference in the teams but on the play the former deserved to just win.

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE.

POLICE v. R.G.A.

Played on St. Joseph's ground. The gunners won the toss and with the wind in their favour attacked, but Swan brought off three good saves, and Watson eventually being offside play was transferred and Simpson forced a corner. A close shot came over and Johnston receiving opened the score for the Police. At the other end McWalter miskicked and McHugh receiving beat Swan, making the scores level. A few minutes later Forbes fell on the ball in the danger zone and a penalty kick being awarded for hands Key took the kick but Swan brought off a fine save and Simpson got away only to send behind at the other end. Clarke of the Police was ordered off—what for it was impossible to see from the touch line. The Police now played the one back game and play deteriorated in consequence, the Gunners forwards being unable to get used to the change and being continually offside. During a melee in the Police goal Watson scored No. 2 for the R.G.A.

CANTON NEWS.

FURTHER TROUBLE FEARED.

DR. SUN'S MOVEMENTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, January 21.

What is of most interest to the foreign community regarding the Canton situation is whether Dr. Sun will come to Canton or not and if he decides to come when he will leave Shanghai. No definite pronouncement has been made by his adherents here but a cable was published yesterday to the effect that the Northern Premier Chang Shui-tsang, has requested Dr. Sun to visit Peking instead of proceeding to Canton and that Dr. Sun's reply was that he had made up his mind to come South, but after a brief stay in Canton he would go to Peking. Well-informed circles think that Dr. Sun wishes to come South as soon as possible—the control of one part of the country giving him better scope to make terms with the North—but he will refrain from making a decision till things have settled down.

HSU SHUNG-CHI'S POSITION.

At present, Canton is in the hands of the Yunnan-Kwangsi militarists. At least, they control the situation. Until he can be assured of their indisputable loyalty or till his military henchman, Hsu Shung-chi leads his forces in Fokien (the remnants of the former Northern Expedition) back to Canton, Dr. Sun is not assured of the military backing so necessary for political authority. Reports concerning Hsu are vague. He has been elected commander-in-chief by the Cantonese forces that sided with Chen Chiung-ming. Again, he has been appointed to the same post by Dr. Sun and yesterday's reports state that he is favoured for the Civil Governorship. Hsu himself, is strangely reticent. Before Chen fled, propagandists claimed that he had already left Fokien, ostensibly to march on Canton. Later it was given out that he was returning but no reports have yet been made of his entry into Kwangtung territory. Perhaps, he feels that the Yunnan-Kwangsi forces will not regard him as an ally or he may desire to consolidate his position in Fokien.

WHO'S WHO.

Meanwhile, the possibility of an early solution to the complex Canton situation is fast dwindling. Rather, the opposite is happening. To comprehend the position the various denominations must be enumerated. In and around Canton now, are some "Yit Kwans," i.e., Cantonese troops, these comprising the sections that remained neutral during the crisis and those that refused to fight on the West River and entered Canton in advance of the invaders. Their policy at first was to compromise the victors, at the same time endeavouring to retain control of Canton while declaring for Dr. Sun. Then there are the "M. n Kwans" or "People's Army," bodies of roving armed men, mostly bandits in peace and soldiers in war, owing allegiance to nobody in particular, but ever ready to sell their services to the highest bidder or to exploit any opportunity that may occur. With practically no discipline they are more or less skilled in guerrilla warfare. They seemed to spring up from nowhere and over twenty detachments, each with its own "general" entered Canton during the crisis. In addition to these, there are the Yunnan and Kwangsi troops who have acted separately since their entry into Canton. Now the Kwangsi troops are the most numerous and the strongest. Apparently, they resent the intrusion of the "People's Army" and deny the latter's claim to a share of the spoils. Their plan during the last few days has been to send round to the "People's Army" encampments and ask for surrender of arms. In practically every instance, they have succeeded. Rendered powerless, the disbanded have no alternative but to disband. This is sound enough itself as the unruly element is gradually removed. But the Kwangsi troops do not confine their attention to the "People's Army." They have attempted to disarm the smaller sections of the Cantonese troops, especially those in possession of places of importance. At least one of these occasions resulted in a scrap, this taking place at the Nam Hoi magistrate's Yamen. Li Hing-wing, left by Chen to protect Canton, has already lost heart and has turned his six battalions over to Wen Shu-tak to be incorporated as marines. The position as the time of writing is that the Kwangsi troops are dominant, having occupied all places of importance. The Yunnans are, mostly, outside Canton being encamped in the suburbs and on the White Cloud Moun-

tains. Ngai Boug-ping has established headquarters at the Cement Works on Honam and the Kwangtung troops are converging there, on the south side of the Canton River.

A CLASH EXPECTED.

Nor is the scramble confined to positions of strategic or political importance. Each General is busy appointing his partisans to administrative posts and disagreement has already been reached regarding the posts of Directors of the Arsenal and the Yieh-Han Railway. Consequently, the civil population view with considerable alarm the struggle for supremacy. Some expect an open clash between the allies, which will be calamitous for Canton. Instead of precautions being relaxed they are being increased. No outrages on any scale have been committed by the military, but a few isolated robberies have taken place in Sai Kwan, the residential district. These cannot be directly attributed to the military, but the Canton press has been very reticent about them. The fear now is that there may be open conflict for the plums of the defeated elements may loot whatever they can before leaving. Added to this is the possibility that the Kwangtung troops may endeavour to expel the invaders with a long campaign as the result.

TRAINS AGAIN HELD UP.

On Saturday morning, the through express service on the Canton-Kowloon Railway was resumed only to be again suspended in the afternoon. This is due to the Nam Kong station being raided by a gang of robbers over 100 strong. The trains have not been put on again as yet. General Chen's forces are in Wanchow and Shum Hung-yung, Commander of the Kwangsi troops has announced his intention of leading an expedition against them.

RICE SHIPMENTS SUSPENDED.

That the civil community expect trouble very soon is evident from the fact that the rice merchants have telegraphed their Hongkong purchasing agents to suspend shipments and cease making purchases. The reason for this is that they fear the rice will fall into the hands of the military either in transit or before it can be disposed of in Canton.

DR. SUN INTERVIEWED.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen yesterday, says the *China Press* of January 17, denied the report that he had acceded to the demand of General Teen Chun-huan to refrain from going to Canton and resume his presidency of the Southern Government. He stated that whether or not he should go to Canton and resume his duties would depend upon the determination and ability of the Peking Government to reunify the nation.

ROUGH WEATHER.

VESSELS IN TROUBLE.

The s.s. "Stornordiske" is reported to have gone aground on January 18. She was refloated, however, when the high tide came in and was able to proceed to Manila without assistance. The "Empress of Russia" reported, picking up a faint S.O.S. signal but was unable to make out the distressed vessel's name or her locality. It is believed that the signal was sent out by the "Stornordiske."

The s.s. "Angkor" also picked up a wireless message when some hours out of Hongkong. It was from the s.s. "Kifunesan Maru 2" stating that she had grounded on the Comet Bank, off Hainan Island.

From Manila comes advice that the s.s. "Patrick Henry" was beached on the coast of Sibay Island about 220 miles south of Manila, after striking a hidden reef. One of her holds was flooded.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

MISS GLADY'S COOPER.

BIRTHDAY SPENT IN DIVORCE COURT.

On her thirty-third birthday Mrs. Gladys Constance Buckmaster (Miss Gladys Cooper, the actress) asked for the dissolution of her marriage owing to the desertion and adultery of her husband, Capt. Herbert John Buckmaster.

The suit was not defended. Mr. Bayford, K.C., and Mr. Cotte, Preedy appeared for Mrs. Buckmaster. Mr. Buckmaster was represented by Mr. Noel Middleton, who said the only matter he was now concerned with was the question of access to the children.

Mrs. Buckmaster, who was dressed in black, said that she was now living at the Hotel Metropole. The marriage took place in December 1908 at St. George's Hanover-square. W. She and her husband lived at Clarence Gate-gardens, Marylebone, N.W., and other places. There were two children, a girl of 12 and a boy of 7. In 1920 her husband left her. She tried to get him back, and as he would not return she took proceedings for restitution of conjugal rights. The decree, made on November 30, 1921 had not been obeyed. Inquiries were made and she then received information upon which she took steps to obtain a divorce.

After these proceedings had been begun her husband, she said wrote to her:

Dear Gladys.—As I object to being watched, I enclose you the evidence you are seeking.—Yours, Buck.

The letter enclosed a receipted hotel bill, with the result that a supplement to petition for divorce was filed. Mrs. Buckmaster identified her husband's handwriting in the register of the Beacon Hotel, Cromborough; the entry being, "Mr. and Mrs. J. Buckmaster, London."

Jennie McCarthy, formerly chamber-maid at the Beacon Hotel, Cromborough, said that Captain Buckmaster and a woman stayed there in August 1922. She served them both with tea in bed in the morning.

Mr. Bayford: Was the petitioner the woman?—No, she was a dark woman.

Mr. Bayford said there was another charge of adultery against Mr. Buckmaster in the original petition. It was unnecessary to go into it.

Mr. Middleton said that Mr. Buckmaster was extremely anxious to be allowed access to the children and he (Mr. Middleton) would like the matter to be referred to chambers, when it could be gone into.

Mr. Justice Horridge, in granting Mrs. Buckmaster a decree nisi with costs and the custody of the children, said that Mr. Buckmaster would have to apply as to access.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' SECTION.

"THE HEANLEY CUPS."

THIS Competition will be held at DEEP WATER BAY on FRIDAY 9th February 1923. Conditions—Shanghai Foursomes—Medallion, 3/8 of combined handicaps allowed. Players to choose their own partners and opponents. Post Entries.

E. B. REDMOND, Hon. Secretary (Ladies' Section) Hongkong, January 22, 1923.

TO LET.

10 LET.—One European Flat in "Lee Building," Wanchai—Jap Road, apply to 32, Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each. (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rate.

"What a Wonderful Program"

We do not know whether we should be pleased or disappointed at this criticism of our current show at

THE CORONET

As far as pictures go, the program is certainly a wonderful one, but it is merely keeping up to the standard of Films that we have recently been showing at The Little House that Shows the Big Pictures.

THE TELEPHONE HANDBOOK

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The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 1 inch below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 2 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the totals given in the table.

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SPIRITUALISM AND BLACKMAIL.

"GIFT" WHICH LED TO JAIL.

An amazing attempt by two sisters to "take" use of "spiritualism" in order to blackmail the widow of a murdered man was disclosed at Stafford Assizes.

Two sisters were in the dock—Clara Jones, thirty, a dressmaker, and Alice May Jones, twenty-eight, a velvet cutter—and, found guilty of what the judge described as "one of the most detestable crimes," they were each sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour.

Their victim was Mrs. Walter Hulce, whose husband, the village inn-keeper of Tulke, was mysteriously murdered by an unknown hand.

Letters were written to Mrs. Hulce asking for money, the inducement being that the writers would not divulge certain secret things which had come to their knowledge. One of the letters, signed, "A Friend in Need," contained the following statement:

I am a person blessed with certain gifts of seeing far into the future of people's lives and also much of the past. You will be so kind as to make me a present of £10 or £15 which will enable me to make a fresh start in life.

FELL INTO TRAP.

The first letter sent was ignored by Mrs. Hulce, but when a second one came to hand she consulted the police.

A reply was dictated by them and placed at the spot indicated by the writers of the anonymous letters, and it was by this means that the two women were arrested.

Clara Jones said:

My sister has a gift, and can see into the future. She has been in conversation with Walter Hulce, the murdered man. My sister knows who murdered him. We do not know we were doing any harm.

A DETESTABLE CRIME.

Alice Jones made an extraordinary statement from the dock. It was to the effect that she had been under the influence of Spiritualism, and that she had been visited by the spirit of the late Mr. Hulce, who told her that he had not to tell someone how he met his death, and it was done by some one in his own house. "That is true," she added, "and I cannot help saying it."

In summing up, the judge said that if it was true that the spirit of Mr. Hulce conveyed that statement to the accused, the late Mr. Hulce had a good deal to answer for. If the jury could believe that story they would believe anything.

In passing sentence the judge said that Mr. Hulce was murdered in circumstances which were calculated to throw suspicion on the innocent and the guilty alike. Prisoners had traded on the idea that suspicion might attach to Mrs. Hulce with the view of obtaining money from her. That was one of the most detestable crimes which any man or woman could commit.

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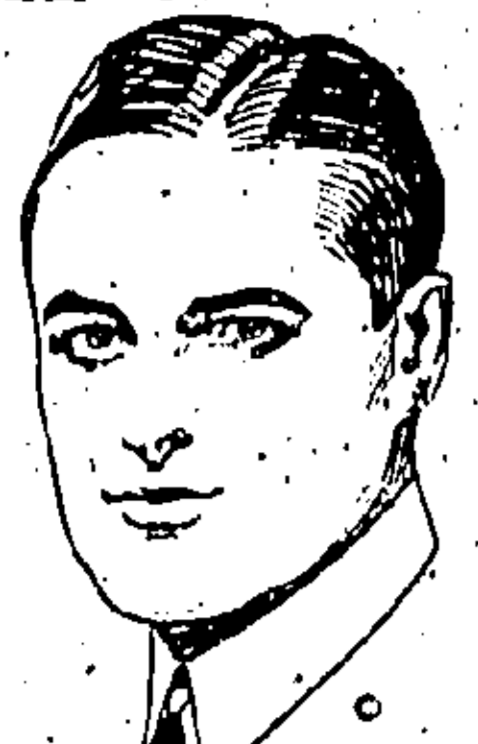
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CRICKET.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

On Saturday four first league, two second league and two friendly games were played. In the first league, Club v Navy and I.R.C. v Kowloon were drawn as predicted in Friday's Cricket Notes. University just scraped home against the R.G.A. making the fifth consecutive win in the league and the O.R.C. surprised Craigengower, by securing their first win of the season. The second league games turned out as expected, the I.R.C. 2nd XI and R.E. winning with comparative ease. The Club had the better of a draw, but as the closure was not enforced till rather late and thanks to the tail's stubborn display, the Navy managed to play out time. For the Club, Claxton made 87, figuring in a fine third wicket stand with Owen Hughes. Hancock, undefeated at the end, hit up 30 in quick time, his score including five fours and a six. Phillips, son, for the Club performed the hat-trick.

Kowloon won the test at Sook-umpoo and took first knock. Evans (44), Benson (43) and Hall (31) were the principal contributors to an innings of 189, with none of the Indian bowlers particularly dangerous. After a shaky opening, the home team hit up 135 for 5 wickets thanks to a patient 63 not out by S. H. Ismail. Chester (31) Olliver (24) and Davies (40) opened well for the R. G. A. at Pokfulam but the tail was again weak, the innings ending for 145. A. A. Rummah made 70 for the Varsity and the tail just managed to pass the Gansers' total after an exciting finish.

In scoring their first win, O. R. C. made the surprise of the afternoon. An effective opening partnership and small scores by the rest carried the score to 130. Of the Craigengower batsmen, Bradbury made 40 but the others could not get going, the innings being finished off for 97. Lee, Ng Sze kwong and Ching were in good form with the ball, Ching effecting a beautiful catch in dismissing Omar.

The I. R. C. juniors found the Kowloon 2nd XI bowling easy and declared at 135 for 5 wickets. D. Rummah being top scorer with 59 not out. F. M. Arculli and H. D. Rummah caused a procession when Kowloon batted, getting them all out for 39. Arculli took 6 wickets for 7 and Rummah 3 for 23.

A feature of the R.E. v Civil Service 2nd XI was the first appearance of Cockell, just out from home. He made top score for the sappers, 37 to be precise, and took 7 wickets for 17 runs, an excellent all-round performance.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI beat the Police in a "friendly," a low-scoring match resulting. In a Hong match, Ewo beat Waifoong comfortably. After a good opening the Bank's batsmen collapsed and were all out for 137. Ewo replied with 226 for 9, Hollands scoring 48 and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard a useful 34.

FIRST LEAGUE.

H.K.C.C. v. THE NAVY.

Result—A Draw.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. 23
T. E. Pearce, b Wallace 23
A. A. Claxton, b Hardy, by Gregory 87
R. E. A. Webster, c and b Evans 15
H. Owen Hughes, b Wallace 48
R. Hancock, not out 30
R. H. Field, c Gregory, b Wallace 8
F. H. Kipling, not out 16
Extras 10
Total for 5 wickets—103
declared closed—224

1. J. Davies, J. D. Humphries, D. Reid and B. Phillips did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mid. Evans	8	0	41	1
Cap. Quimlan	14	4	54	0
Lieut. Wallace	12	2	48	3
Lieut. Gregory	7	0	49	1
Lieut. Hardy	1	0	15	0

THE NAVY.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rev. W. Purcell, c Davies, b Phillips	20			
Mid. Evans b Farthing	8			
Lt. Com. Gilchrist, c Pearce, b Webster	18			
Lieut. Lindsell, st. Davies, b Farthing	17			
Eng. Com. Edwards, b.w. Phillips	12			
Com. Wood, b.w. Phillips	12			
Pay. Lieut. Wallace, b Reid	8			
Lieut. Com. Douglas Hamilton, not out	21			
Pay. Lieut. Gregory, b Wild	2			
Lieut. Hardy, not out	3			
Extras	9			

Total (for 8 wickets).....127

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. H. Farthing	14	0	61	2
H. Owen Hughes	4	0	12	0
R. E. A. Webster	5	1	20	1
E. Phillips	3	0	7	3
D. Reid	4	0	13	1
R. H. Wild	3	0	5	1

I.R.C. v. K.C.C.

Result—A Draw.

K.C.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. E. G. Spinks, b Arculli	15			
B. D. Evans, c A. H. Rummah, b Madar	44			
S. Jex, c A. H. Rummah, b S. H. Ismail	14			
B. Petheram, run out	2			
H. H. Benson, c A. H. Rummah, b S. H. Ismail	48			
E. F. Spinks, b Madar	1			
G. A. V. Hall, c S. H. Ismail, b Arculli	34			
L. J. Blackburn, b S. H. Ismail	4			
R. E. Lindell, c S. D. Ismail, b Arculli	7			
S. E. Green, c Curroem, b Ismail	5			
D. Green, not out	2			
Extras	13			

Total.....189

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. el Arculli	13	1	62	3
Curroem	7	0	44	0
Madar	5	1	20	2
S. H. Ismail	10	1	50	4
*Bowled 5 no balls.				

I.R.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. H. Rummah, c Jex, b Evans	28			
N. B. Kitchell, c and b E. F. Spinks	2			
S. D. Ismail, b Evans	0			
S. H. Ismail, not out	63			
A. H. Madar, b Evans	22			
L. S. Curroem, b Evans	0			
A. el Arculli, not out	1			
Extras	19			

Total (for 5 wickets).....135

S. A. Ismail, S. A. Rummah, Sirdar Khan and A. R. M. Samy did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. F. Spinks	14	3	17	1
Evans	16	3	52	4
E. G. Spinks	9	3	13	0
G. A. V. Hall	5	1	22	0
H. H. Benson	2	0	12	0
*Two no balls.				

UNIVERSITY v. R.G.A.

University won by 5 runs.

R.G.A.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut. Chester, st. Yeow, b Rummah	31			
Capt. Olliver, c Osman, b Rummah	24			
Capt. P. H. Davies, c Rummah, b Quick	40			
Major Halford, b Quick	7			
Capt. Bentley, c Roffey, b Balhetchet	3			
Major Matthews, b Balhetchet	0			
Lieut. Parkes, b Balhetchet	0			
Gr. Pomfret, not out	17			
Lieut. Sgt. Holloway, b Balhetchet	4			
Sergt. Stevens, c Osman, b Yeow	0			
Gr. J. Davis, run out	5			
Extras	14			

Total.....145

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. N. Balhetchet	11.3	3	37	4
T. E. Yeow	5	0	17	1
A. A. Rummah	6	0	37	2
E. K. Quick	10	3	35	2
C. A. Peterson	2	0	7	0

UNIVERSITY.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. A. Rummah, c Stevens, b Holloway	70			
T. E. Yeow, b Davies	1			
Rev. E. K. Quick, b Davies	1			
F. A. Richmond, c Davies, b Holloway	17			
H. N. Balhetchet, b.w. Pomfret	27			
C. A. Peterson, b Holloway	4			
Ng Bao-poo, not out	9			
W. Giffens, b Davies	1			
M. E. Osman, c Matthews, b Holloway	8			
T. E. Yeow, b Davies	0			
Extras	6			

Total.....180

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. P. H. Davies	17.12	50		
Lieut. Sgt. Holloway	14	2	63	4
Gr. Pomfret	6	0	29	1

O.R.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER.

O.R.C. won by 33 runs.

O.R.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ng Sze Kwong, b Major	32			
M. W. Lo, b Major	23			
G. Lee, c Besant, b Omar	15			
S. T. Wong, b Major	4			
W. Hung b Major	4			
J. Choa c Bradbury, b Omar	12			
H. C. Hung, b Besant	4			
H. Ching, b Omar	2			
Y. K. Shi, b Hall	9			
M. K. Lo, b Omar	0			
J. M. Tan, not out	0			
Extras	21			

Total.....130

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
U. Omar	18	5	44	4
Abbas	7	0	37	0
E. W. Major	12	5	17	4
Hall	1	1	0	1
Besant	3	0	11	1

CRAIGENGOWER.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
L. T. Arey Evans b Lee	8			
F. E. Lawrence c Ng, b Lee	0			
R. Bass, c Hung, b Lee	4			
B. W. Bradbury, c any b Ng Sze Kwong	40			
U. Omar, c and b Ching	9			
Lt. Besant, b Lee	19			
C. A. Grimes, c Wong, b Ng Sze Kwong	11			
R. S. Barry, b Ching	1			
M. H. Abbas, not out	7			
E. W. Major, c Shi, b Ching	1			
W. Hall, b Ng Sze Kwong	0			
Extras	6			

Total.....97

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. Lee	9	0	25	4
H. Ching	9	0	45	3
S. T. Wong	2	0	11	0
Ng Sze Kwong	5	0	12	3

SECOND LEAGUE.

KOWLOON 2ND XI v I.R.C. 2ND XI.

I.R.C. 2nd XI won by 96 runs.

I.R.C. 2ND XI.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. D. Rummah, c Fraser, b Haslett	46			
O. Rummah, b Brown	9			
I. Hassan, b Shenton	0			
R. Nazarin, c Jack, b Weaver	10			
D. Rummah, not out	59			
F. M. el Arculli, b Fraser	2			
A. Kitchell, b Haslett	1			
Y. A. Wahup, not out	6			
Extras	3			

Total (for 6 wickets dec.).....135

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shenton	7	1	16	1
Brown	8	0	28	1
Weaver	8	1	19	1
Overy	5	0	28	0
Fraser	6	0	27	1
Haslett	4	0	17	2

K.C.C. 2ND XI.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. B. Haslett, b Arculli	1			
A. Lench, c D. Rummah, b H. D. Rummah	0			
W. Fraser, c Hassan, b H. D. Rummah	0			
A. O. Brown, c Minns, b Arculli	0			
E. J. Edwards, b Arculli	14			
W. L. Weaver, c Wahup, b Arculli	1			
H. Overy, run out	4			
F. G. Hendridge, b H. D. Rummah	2			
W. J. Shenton, c Akber, b Arculli	0			
J. M. Jack, b Arculli	0			
W. J. Woolley, not out	0			
Extras	9			

Total.....39

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. el Arculli	6.4	2	7	6
H. D. Rummah	6	0	23	3

R.E. v CIVIL SERVICE 2ND XI.

R.E. won by 1 wicket and 54 runs.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. Sara, b Cockell	18			
E. Fincher, b Townsend	2			
F. Harper, c Hamblin, b Cockell	11			
E. Savage, b Cockell	0			
H. Sandford, b Cockell	8			
W. Callip, not out	8			
C. J. Tacchi, c and b Cockell	0			
A. G. Gardiner, b Townsend	10			
W. Giff, b Cockell	2			
W. Watson, b Cockell	0			
A. Oswick, b Hammond	2			
Extras	2			

Total.....63

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hammond	7.3	3	7	1
Townsend	11	3	28	2
Pearson	4	1	8	0
Cockell	9	2	17	7
Royal Engineers	2	1	2	0
S. Sgt. Brown, c Sara, b Savage	14			
C. R. C.	6	1	4	4
Craigengower	3	1	2	8
Kowloon	5	0	2	3
Infantry	2	0	1	1

Major Gandy, b Gardiner

HOCKEY.

UNITED SERVICES SHIELD.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

The final of the United Services Hockey Challenge Shield was played on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, between teams representing H. M. Submarines and the King's Regt., which tied for championship honours. The King's won the toss and the Submarines opened the game. They immediately invaded the enemy territory but the King's defence was sound. The Soldiers met with better luck when they attacked and Jones opened the score with a good shot from close range. Play was even after this until the King's again broke away. The Sailors goalie stopped a hot shot but failed to clear, and Jones added a second goal. Soon afterwards Dangerfield added a third goal.

The Sailors pressed hard in the second half and their centre-forward scored with a very fine shot. The Sailors continued to press and were further rewarded by a second goal. The exchanges were kept after this but the Soldiers asserted themselves, and scoring a fourth goal in the last couple of minutes snatched a well deserved victory. At the conclusion Mrs. Grace, wife of Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., presented the Shield to the winners.

AT THE CORONET.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AGAIN.

Charlie Chaplin reappears at the Coronet this week in his latest million dollar comedy "The Idle Class." The irascible comedian has become infatuated with the "dual role" craze to which Mary Pickford and other film stars have succumbed and in this picture he plays two parts. He characterizes two representatives of the "idle class"—a leisured Society man and a tramp. He is just as funny in one as he is in the other and the film provides many hilarious moments.

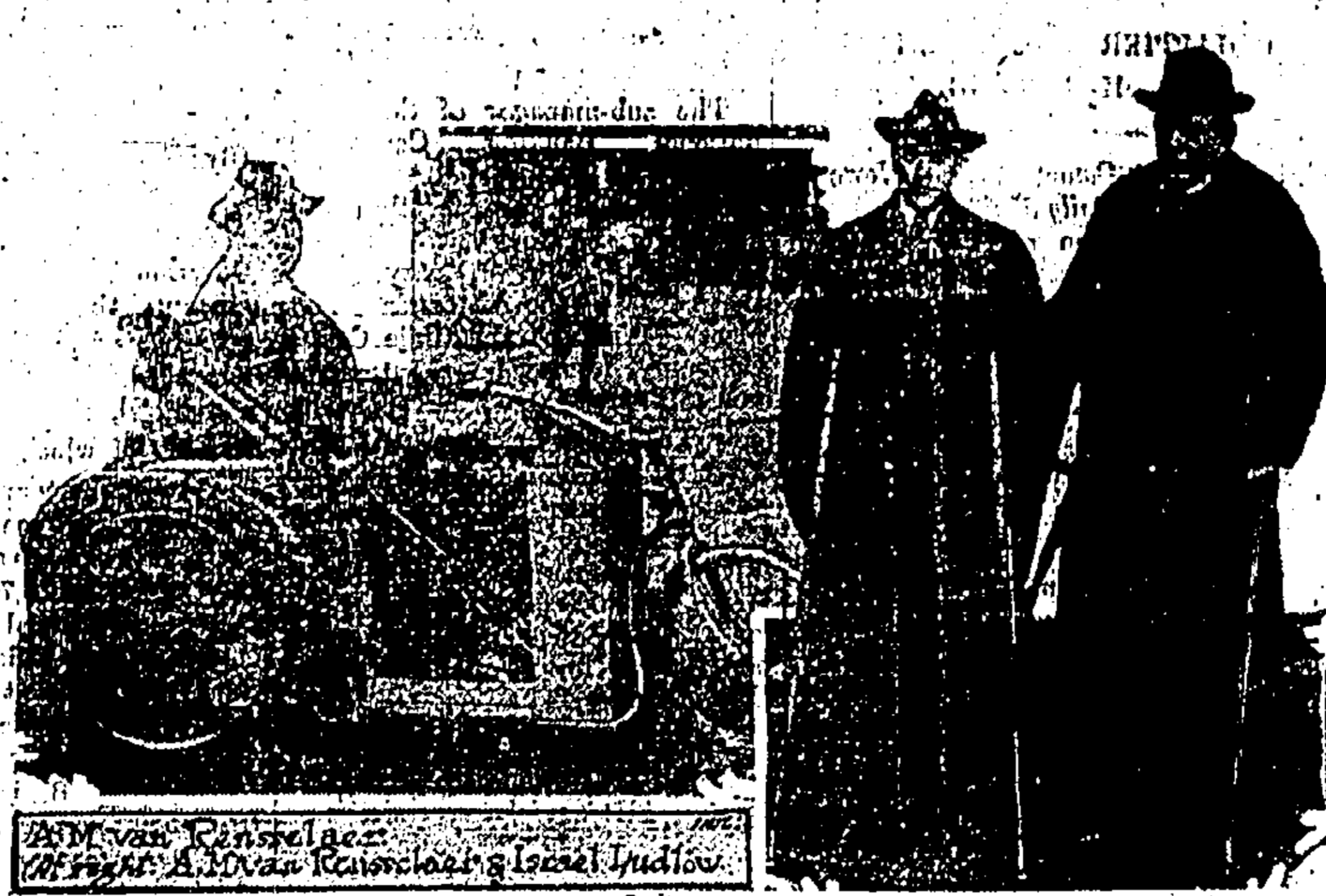
Another big attraction in this week's programme is "Flyer of the North," which, based on the well-known novel by James Oliver Curwood, is a picture which for wealth of scenic beauty, cleverness of acting and the intensely human quality of its story of life as it is lived in the great open spaces, has not often been excelled.

The beautiful scenery which is found only in the mountains of Northern Oregon in the summer season forms a fitting background for a rugged tale of romance and intrigue. Two big thrills are furnished by an exciting struggle in the rapids in which Pauline Starke and Henry B.



Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Bignoli.

Giuseppe Bignoli, known among circus folk as Bagonghi, "Champion Rider of Italy," has married Miss Irene Udell Thompson, of Washington, D. C. Bignoli is three feet tall and his bride ten inches taller. Mrs. Bignoli is seventeen. They are spending their honeymoon in Italy.



Arthur M. Van Rensselaer, millionaire member of one of New York's pioneer families, who was crippled on the Mexican border while serving as an officer in New York's "Dandy Seventh" in 1916, has demonstrated his motor-propelled vehicle at the Institute for Crippled and Disabled. The machine is thirty-two inches wide and seventy inches long. It is operated entirely by hand control, with a speed of from three to fifteen miles an hour. With Israel Ludlow, another millionaire cripple, he intends to make the machines so cheaply that all cripples may own them.



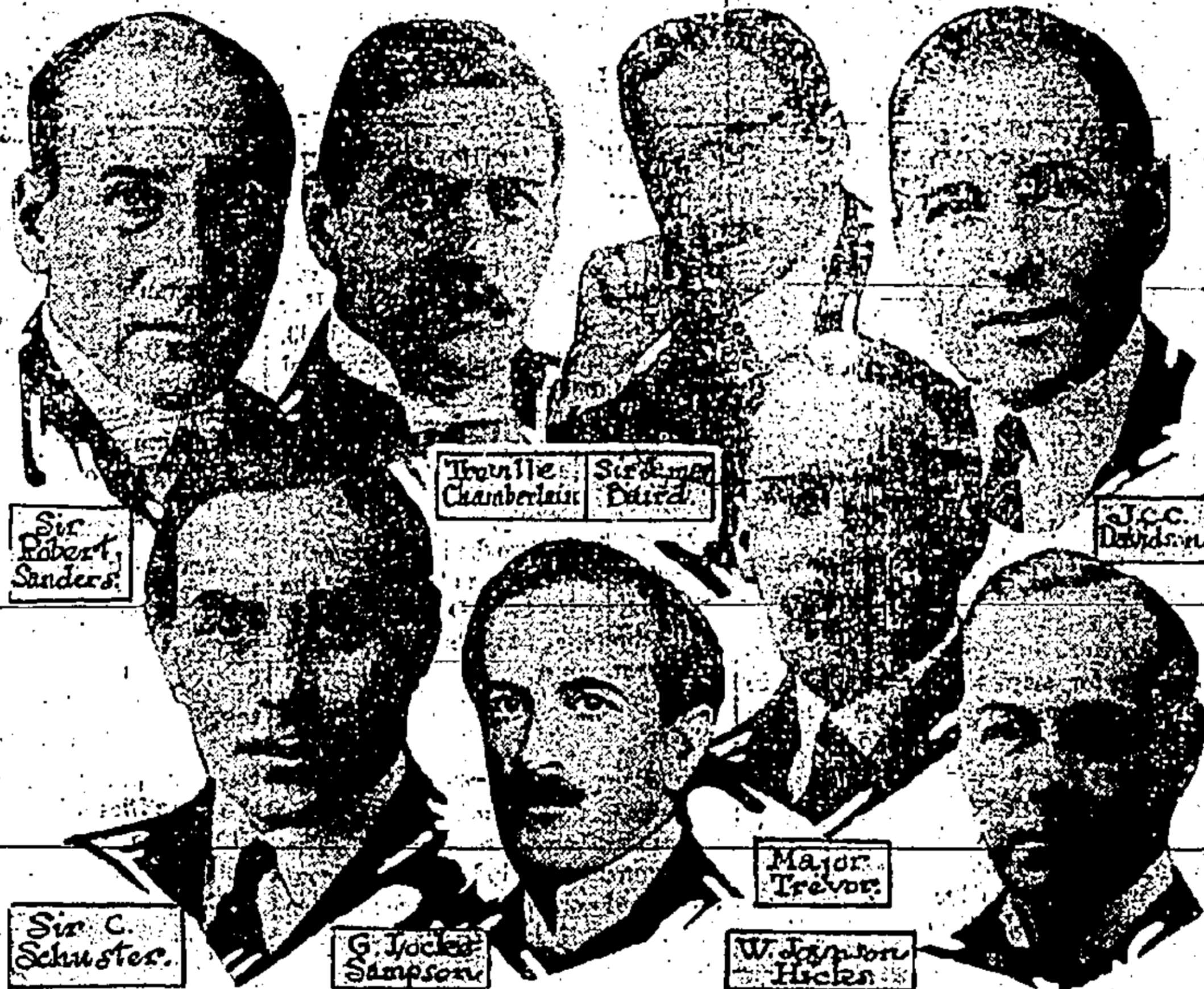
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gruner.

While mountain climbing in a dangerous section of the Alps, Richard Gruner came upon a beautiful young woman who had fallen over a precipice and broken her ankle. He carried her two miles to a physician—and now, with her as his bride, he is touring the United States. She was Fraulein Rose Marie Wannow.



Miss Laura E. Delwiler.

Landscape and estate designer now completing her studies at the University of Pennsylvania.



Mr. Bonar Law's Cabinet. Sir Robert Sanders is Minister of Agriculture. Mr. W. Joynson Hicks is a member of the Overseas Trade Department and Command. G. Locke-Sampson is Charity Commissioner. Sir C. Schuster is Secretary to the Lord Chancellor. Major Trevor is Minister of Pensions, and Mr. J. O. Davidson is Secretary to the Premier. Mr. Trevellick Chamberlain is the new Postmaster-General and Sir James Baird is First Commissioner of Works.



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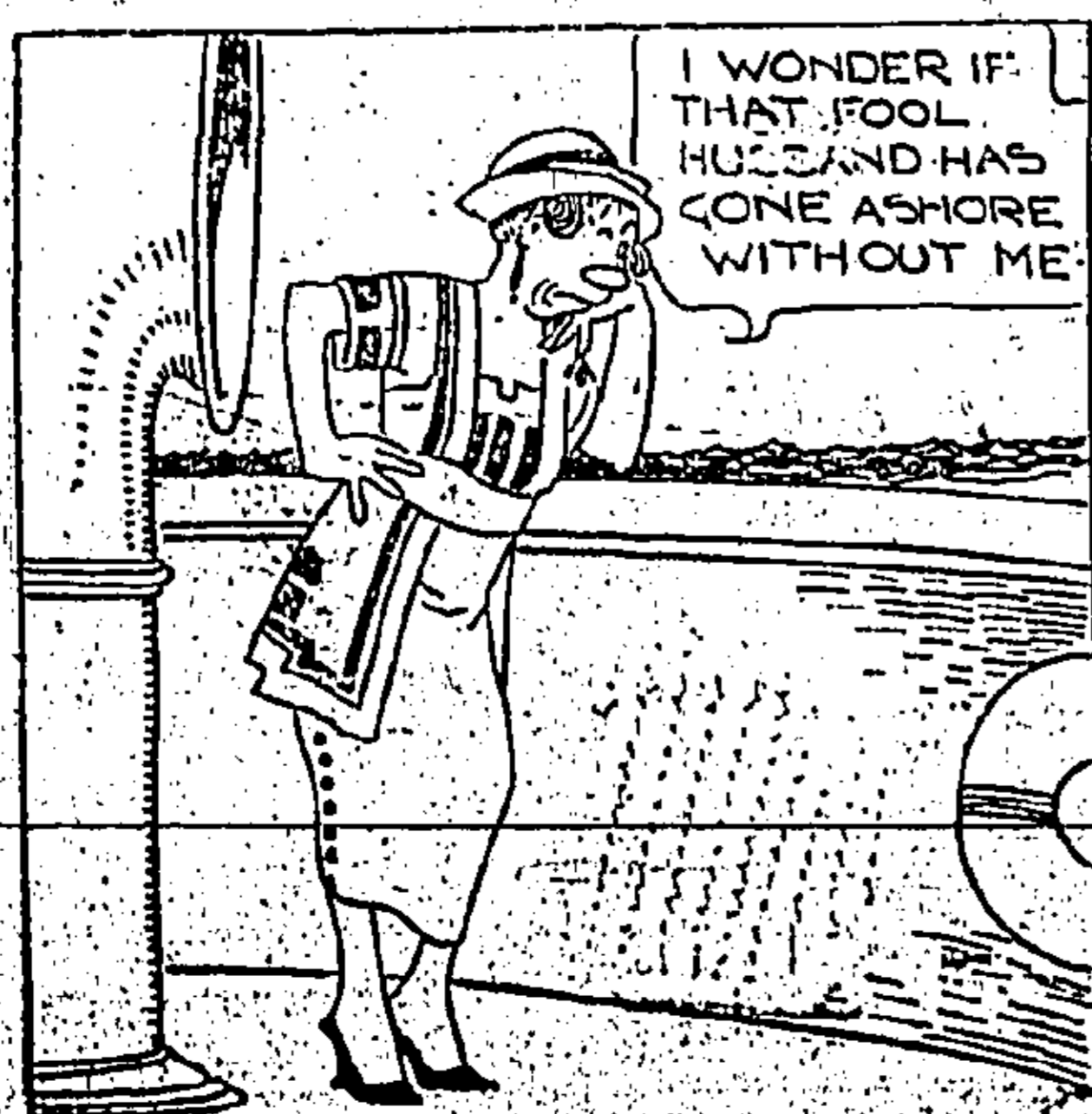
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CENSOR'S VIEWS.

DUKE OF ATHOLL ON BEDROOM PLAYS.

The Duke of Atholl, who has retired from the post of Lord Chamberlain on the change of Government, gave the London Evening News his views on the censorship of plays, which is one of the duties of the Lord Chamberlain.

"I have no fixed rules for licensing plays," he said. "The word 'bloody' is not objectionable when it is put in the mouth of a workman. It is perfectly different, however, when spoken on the stage by a young 'knot'."

On the question of bedroom plays the duke said: "A bed is a piece of furniture. In itself there is nothing objectionable. It depends what is done with the bed."

Referring to the production recently of "The Cenci," the play by Shelley that was formerly banned, the duke said: "No one has suffered any harm from it. On the contrary, the public has for the first time had an opportunity of seeing this classic presented. It is a play for students."

"If it were presented in the ordinary way with the hopes of a long run and the possibility of children being brought and flappers being thrilled by it, I might have acted otherwise."

"More licences can be given to a play than to a musical comedy. Every play is, in the strict sense of the word, immoral. It is the obscene which it is the duty of the Lord Chamberlain to prevent."

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Yueyingwa, (Cheong Yu) from
 Haiphong, Hoibow, C41.
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 Koochow, Swatow, Co's Wharf.
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 Haiphong, C41.
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 C41.
 Hellas, (Therese) from Sebatik—
 Of Stonecut.
 Akabona Maru, (Y.K.K.) from
 Harato Island, B60.
 Kaijo Maru, (O.S.K.) from Ke-
 lung, Swatow, Co's Wharf.
 Sungham Maru, (N.Y.K.) from
 Canton, C18.
 Hwai Kun, (Wang Lee) from
 Saigon, Swatow, C16.
 Tonghe, (Xie Tai Hong) from
 Dairen, Chefoo, C45.
 Kwanglee, (O.M.S.N.) from Shaugh-
 hai—Co's Wharf.
 Yuen Sang, (J.M. & Co.) from
 Manila, C32.

DEPARTURES.

Proteus, (Larson & Co.) for Saigon.
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 Yokohama, Shanghai, January 22.
 Hydrange, (China On) for Swatow.
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 Kwanglee, (O. M. S. N.) for Canton.
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 Ripenor, (B. & S.) for London,
 Singapore, January 22.
 Kaijo Maru, (O. S. K.) for Keelung,
 Swatow, January 23.
 Song Stan Maru, (N. Y. K.) for
 Shanghai, Swatow, January 23.
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